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SUBJ: AMCIT ROSEMARY ANN CONWAY

REF: VIENTIANE 4153

1. EMBASSY MADE SEVERAL PHONE CALLS TO FOREIGN MINISTRY JUNE 11 TO FOLLOW UP NOTE OF JUNE 10 (REFTEL, PARA 3), ABOUT CONSULAR ACCESS TO MS. CONWAY. FOR SEVERAL HOURS THE HANG-UP WAS THAT, ALTHOUGH VISIT WAS APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE, EMBASSY OFFICERS WOULD HAVE TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY ENGLISH-SPEAKING FONMIN REPS, NONE OF WHOM COULD ALLEGEDLY BE SPARED FROM THEIR DUTIES. WE FINALLY HAD TO ESCALATE TO LEVEL OF FONMIN'S CHEF DE CABINET, AND HE CLAIMED HE WOULD NEED AUTHORITY OF ACTING FONMIN SOUK VONGSAK (MINISTER OF INFORMATION). AT LENGTH ESCORTS WERE FOUND, AND CONSUL AND MEDICAL UNIT PHYSICIAN, DR. BUSH, VISITED SUBJECT WITH NONE OF DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED JUNE 9. (ESCORTS WERE ONE VIENTIANE SIDE OFFICIAL AND ONE LPF REP; LATTER SPOKE FRENCH BUT APPARENTLY NO ENGLISH.)

2. DR. BUSH MADE THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATION OF SUBJECT: "MISS CONWAY SPOKE EXCESSIVELY, RAPIDLY, WITHOUT A PAUSE, AND WITHOUT OBJECTIVITY, AND WAS OBVIOUSLY IN A HYPER-EXCITABLE STATE. SHE ALSO RELATED A DEVELOPED, SYSTEMA-TIZED SET OF DELUSIONS IN WHICH SHE ACCUSED A MAN NAMED
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ROGERS OF PLOTTING AGAINST HER AND OF BEING RESPONSIBLE

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FOR HER BEING CONSIDERED A CIA AGENT, AND SETTING VARIOUS TRAPS TO INVOLVE HER. WHILE SPEAKING, SHE LOOKED ABOUT THE ROOM CONSTANTLY. HER EMOTIONAL STATE WAS NOT IN KEEPING WITH HER PREDICAMENT. MISS CONWAY IS IN AN ACUTE MANIC STATE WITH PARANOID DELUSIONS AND REQUIRES PSYCHIATRIC CARE."

3. MFA REPRESENTATIVES APPEARED TO BE SYMPATHETIC DURING INTERVIEW WITH MISS CONWAY AND TOLD CONSUL THAT THEY WOULD NOW TAKE CASE UNDER ADVISEMENT AND DISCUSS IT WITH THEIR SUPERIORS.

4. WE WILL CALL THE MFA TOMORROW MORNING REQUESTING MISS CONWAY'S RELEASE AND IMMEDIATE DEPARTURE FROM LAOS. WE ARE PREPARED TO FLY HER TO UDORN WHERE APPARENTLY SHE HAS ONE YEAR OLD CHILD.

5. THE ROGERS TO WHOM MISS CONWAY REFERRED IS BELIEVED TO BE AN AUSTRALIAN ARRESTED HERE ON DRUG-TRAFFICKING CHARGES SEVERAL MONTHS AGO (REFTEL, PARA 6).
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